

## HERE AND YONDER.

R. W. Taylor, of Commerce township, was here Monday and reported what came near being a serious run-away down Jackson Hill, last week. Mrs. George Buck and baby and Miss Cloe, little daughter of Jesse Spradlin, were driving down the hill when a tug came loose and frightened the mule. Mr. Taylor and Mrs. G. K. Palmer were driving up the hill, saw the runaway coming and gave the road. At the turn at the foot of the hill the seat flew off, throwing the occupants out. Mrs. Buck and Miss Cloe were somewhat bruised while the baby was considerably hurt.

Chris. Heister and John Enderle of Kelso township were here Wednesday boosting the farmers' mutual or co-operative fire insurance association and wish to extend its usefulness. That this institution has been of great benefit to its members needs no telling. It has saved the farmers thousands of dollars in insurance premiums, and when losses do occur, there is no red tape between the insured and its insurance money. An assessment is levied and the loss promptly paid. The farmer who can get insurance in the home, and does not stand in his own light.

The first quarterly meeting of the Scott County Farmers' Union was held at Morley Saturday, January 2, at 1 o'clock p. m. Not only should all Scott farmers, but possibly do so attend these meetings, but every citizen who is seeking the remedy for existing evils as well. All are welcome.

R. D. Pickett, of Blodgett, was here Monday. Mr. Pickett accompanied Judge Joe Patterson to Texas, where the judge went in search of health. When he left two weeks ago Mr. Pickett said the judge was improving. His brother, Charles Hutchinson, is with the judge.

After visiting with a prosperous and happy New Year, I want to urge you to keep your subscriptions to the Kicker without delay. Many of our subscribers (I think Kicker) expect with this issue, and I want you all around the Kicker during 1908. It will tell you things that you will not be able to get in any other county paper—things that will class do not want you to know.

Calvin Adams and Miss Lillie Bates were married at Dougherty, Mo., on December 23. They have spent the holidays in the county assisting his relatives. They will make Doe Run their home, where Calvin has a position as station agent.

## ATTENTION, FARMERS!

You are hereby invited to consider the Scott County Mutual and Society (also called home insurance). This society was organized in the northern part of the county in 1896 with 16 members and has today a membership of 384 and an insured valuation of \$250,000.00, and has paid off losses promptly.

The membership fee is \$3.00 and after becoming a member an inspection fee of 25 cents every three years will be charged by the committee inspecting your buildings. In case of loss to any member an assessment will be made to cover said loss, hence you will not have any assessment unless someone is unfortunate.

Parties wishing to become members living north of the Iron-Mountain Ry. and east of Benton and Cape Girardeau public road, write to Casper Roth, R. 1, Commerce, Mo. Parties living south of said road and west of said public road write Leo Gossie, New Hamburg, Mo. For further information write to Christian Heister, President, R. 1, Commerce, Mo.

**COUNTY COURT DOINGS.**  
On Dec. 17 county court met in special term to consider the saloon petitions of J. W. Boyd and J. J. Astor, Chaffee. The petitions were contested and defeat. The lawyers of course had some good picking.

H. E. Moore resigned as director of levee district 2 and Max Oster appointed. R. K. Griggs was allowed \$95.46 for road work, R. A. Kingsbury, bridge stringers, \$30; L. P. Golder, sheriff, \$218.59; R. L. Buck, assessor, \$150; Matt Thomas, \$15 for assessor Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Buck, poor.

The official bonds of A. Bles, constable Commerce township, and J. S. Norrid, county treasurer approved. Adjourned to Dec. 21.

On that day the salary of Treasurer Norrid was increased from \$500 to \$700 per year—and commissions. This means a clean-cut gift of \$200 to a man who already has plenty, during the term he now enters upon, without giving any additional service to the public in return. Surely he was satisfied with his job and the pay, else he would not have worked so hard to hold it.

The tax-payers will please look pleasant while they "dig up" for the brass band and hot air furnished them "free" last fall.

## GETTING ANXIOUS.

Venedy, Ill., Dec. 29, 1908.  
Editor Kicker—No. 8, of the Kicker must have been lost in the mails. I have not received it. Please send me No. 8. I have made three inquiries at the post office here. I do not want to miss a number. It is merely a plain, self-evident fact to state that your paper is good. Yours, truly,

J. KUEFFER.  
Like many others, Mr. Kueffer is getting impatient. This issue is No. 8. Last week the editor took Christmas' and no paper was published. I always feel sorry for the postmasters when this happens.

## THE SOUTHEAST.

At Dexter, on Christmas eve, Harry McCullum shot and instantly killed his younger brother, Fred. The boys were the sons of J. W. McCullum, who formerly conducted a saloon at Dexter but now has a drug store. The father retired from business and turned the store over to his son, Harry, who is about 21 years old. Fred was a wayward boy and was drinking and making trouble in the store. The marshal was sent for and when the officer appeared Fred drew a pistol and ordered him not to enter the store. Then he turned his pistol on Harry, so the report says, and was shot. Harry was arrested.

Night riders are beginning to appear in the lower part of Pemiscott county and landholders are receiving notice to rent to four dollars per acre. The Pemiscott Argus publishes two of the notices that have been received. One reads as follows: "Mr. landholder, we ask you to let your rent to 4 dollars an acre and we will rent from us, and if it won't be good for you, we'll take it."

Charles Profit, a former resident of this county, but now of 15th Street, sent Gov. Hadley a good turkey for Christmas. Looks like Charles might have sent the Kicker at least a snipe, since the Kicker is accused of aiding the Republicans.

Dr. J. D. Hardwick, who has been violating the local option law, plead guilty and has agreed to leave the state rather than pay the fines that the several charges against him would amount to. Hardwick operated at Charleston.

At a hotel in Campbell John Summers, aged 25, shot and killed his 16-year-old brother at two o'clock on Christmas. He had been drinking and his aim was accidental. Summers is the son of a good farmer near Campbell.

The tragedy in which Mrs. W. H. Whitson was driving was struck by a Cape Girardeau street car and upset. Mrs. Whitson was violently thrown to her death. Her home was broken and she was otherwise injured.

While visiting in Cape Girardeau county during the holidays the residence and contents of Dr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, of Sikeston, was destroyed by fire.

Charles E. Hardin, of Illinois, leading inspector for the F. B. I., was killed by a collision of two freight trains at Chaffee last week. Officials were notified.

The people of St. Francois county voted the saloons out, but the courts have put them back. The courts, and not the people, rule.

In Butler county the farmers have 42 localities with 600 members. The membership in Scott county will more than double this.

The heading plant of the Hamilton Land and Cattle Co. at Charleston was destroyed by fire.

At Napoleon Constable Chas. shot and killed Lem McDougal while trying to arrest him.

Five buildings were destroyed by fire at Allenville.

F. E. & C. U. I. A.  
The county union will meet with New Hamburg local January 12th and 13th. All locals are requested to send delegates, for there is business of importance to come before the meeting. Public address by G. W. Evans, of Sikeston, Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock. Everybody invited. Geo. A. Vinard, County Secretary.

## FROM KELS0.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schoen on the 20th, and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hertzog on the 18th. Mr. Hertzog has moved to the John Glasser farm.

J. A. Kern is having a house built on the Morgan place. Adam and Wm. Scherer are the workmen.

Francis and Charles Dammann have built a new fence in front of their property.

Frank Brenke has moved to his new home in the Ozarks.

## FROM SCHERERVILLE.

Sol Diebold went to Kelso Saturday and on his way he stopped and visited his parents and his sister, Mrs. Joseph Hahn.

Barney Heuring and mother, of New Hamburg, came over Monday to help Frank Heuring kill hogs.

Ottilia Georger, who is teaching school south of Commerce, spent Christmas at home.

Walter Seabough and wife have gone to Bollinger county to spend the holidays.

Lawrence Hoelter moved in Valentine Messner's house Monday last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schoen Sunday, the 20th, a big boy.

## FROM STUMPTOWN.

Chester C. Tobill, of Blyessville, Ark., spent Christmas with his uncle, A. J. Tobill, and family.

Dr. McCabe and Ota Owens took a big turkey hunt last week. They reported one squirrel each.

## FROM FLORIDA.

Editor Kicker:—It is warm here and somewhat cloudy today. Oranges, grape fruit and lemons are cheaper here than apples in Missouri at gathering time. We have plenty of green beans, cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes and all kinds of vegetables, now, and strawberries from Thanksgiving until May.

The panic has not effected much, except that fruit and produce shipped to northern markets doesn't bring as good prices as formerly because the workers up there haven't the money with which to buy. I believe we could take care of some of your unemployed and also tenant farmers.

Well, I see your income is to be limited to \$300 per year, so I send you a Socialist dollar from outside the county, which will make it \$301. But if the gang puts you out of business in six months you must send me back fifty cents.

Socialism is growing in these parts. Please acknowledge it put on the pack and go ahead.

Yours Truly, F. E. Adams.  
Plant City, Fla., Dec. 25.

## FROM DUNKLIN COUNTY.

Editor Kicker:—How often do we here men say, "I vote for the man and not the party!" This sounds well, but let us analyze it. Good men have been elected to office for over 100 years. Can good men, by being elected to office, change conditions so as to benefit the working class?

Many Tories during the American revolution were good men. Many kings and nobles are good men. But can we afford to endure monarchy because there are good men among the monarchs? A man may be good and yet believe in the divine right of kings. Many Southern slave-owners were good men, but if I had been a slave and could have voted, would it have been to my interest to have voted for the interests of my master and a continuation of the slave system just because he was good?

It does not concern the working class whether Bryan or Debs ever held office. It isn't a question of electing good men. The main question before the people today is whether it is best for the machinery which produces and distributes the wealth of this nation to be privately owned and operated for the profit of a few, or whether the people shall own it and operate it for the benefit of all.

The question during the American revolution was not whether King George was a better man than George Washington, but whether the colonies should rule themselves under a republican form of government, or whether King George should rule them under a monarchal form of government.

The Socialist party, of course, selects good men, but they must be something more. Not only must they be of the working class, but also conscious of the class they belong to, and by working for his own interest he will be working for the interest of his own class. If the workers ever better their condition, they must do it themselves and not wait for others to do it for them.

Whoever finances a political party expects favors and benefits from that party. They who furnish the funds for the Democratic and Republican parties are men of wealth and belong to the capitalist class. If either of these parties were run in the interest of the working class, do you believe men of wealth would have so little sense as to finance their campaigns?

The Socialist party is not financed by trust magnates, but gets its money from its members in the way of dues and voluntary contributions. Every one who believes in Socialism should be a dues-paying member. We have no millionaires to furnish us money and must depend on the workers. Therefore the workers and not the millionaires will receive the benefit of whatever advances Socialism may make.

We should subscribe only for Socialist papers. Let the capitalists support their own papers. The Scott County Kicker should have the support of every Socialist in Southeast Missouri. Not only should we subscribe for it, but we should get our neighbors to support the paper that speaks for their class. And, so far as possible, we should patronize those who advertise in the Kicker. Vernon Townley, Campbell, Mo., Dec. 26.

## BUSINESS LOCALS.

Farm for sale—150 acres known as the Philip Georger place, Schererville district. 90 acres in cultivation. Good house, good barn and plenty of good water. A bargain. 8-6t John Enderle, Rfd. 2, Commerce, Mo.

Strayed—Red heifer, white spotted, about 3 months old, crop and split in each ear. Reward. 8-2t John Gangle, Benton, Mo.

Improved farms for sale near Oran, Chaffee, New Hamburg and Benton. Prices from \$14 to \$40 per acre. Also unimproved land near Oran. Also good residence property in Oran at different prices. Also a store building and dwellings at Vanduser. D. H. Harper, Oran.

For Sale—A good milk cow, a 2-year-old full-blood Durham bull, and a good team of horses. A. C. Miller, Commerce. 7-2t

If you have a farm or town property for sale, list it with me. If you want to buy, see me. D. H. Harper, Oran, Mo. (21-1t)

## FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Our holiday festivities were interrupted by the death of two of our oldest and most highly respected settlers—Mrs. Anna M. Heuring and Michael Dirnberger.

Anna M. Westrich was born in Prussia, Dec. 30, 1824 and came to this country with her parents in 1836 and settled in Ohio, where she married Frank Heuring in 1842.

In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Heuring came to New Hamburg, where the husband died August 25, 1873. To them were born nine children—four of which still live in this community, viz: Mrs. Louis Reichert, Mrs. Mary T. Gerst, Mrs. Andrew Gerst and Mrs. John Dirnberger. Grandchildren there are 19 and great-grandchildren, 14—all living.

Mrs. Heuring only lacked twelve days of having lived 84 years. She was always active and did her own house work up to the time she took sick two weeks before her death. She always had the best garden in the neighborhood and was never happier than when her children and grand children were about her table to enjoy the things she thus produced. With the assistance of a grand-daughter she got dinner for thirteen men on last election day. She was a devout Christian and was loved by all who knew her. She died on the morning of December 17 and was buried in the Catholic cemetery the following day. She had lived in the cottage in which she died 62 years.

Michael Dirnberger was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1835 and came here with his parents in 1844. They lived south of Benton near the station on land now owned by Mr. Lambert, and at the age of 15 Michael carried the mail from New Madrid to Cape Girardeau.

In 1857 Mr. Dirnberger married Regina Heister at New Hamburg and they settled on the Dirnberger homestead west of here, now occupied by his son, Michael. While farming he also conducted a new-castle business here in the building now occupied by J. H. Scherer as a saloon.

To the union were born ten children—six of which survive, viz: John, Mary (Mrs. W. V. Miller), Mike, Andrew, and two convent sisters—Susan and Caroline. There are 27 grand-children and one great-grand-child. In 1855 the mother died. In 1857 deceased married Mrs. Elizabeth Dirnberger who survives him. About ten years ago they left the farm and moved to Oran, where he died last Sunday.

Mr. Dirnberger was, perhaps, the most widely known German of the county. He was a lover of fast horses and, in his younger days, quite active in politics. Some twenty-five years ago he and Uncle Jim Walker arranged a horse-race from New Madrid to Benton in which Billy Moore, who rode Mr. Dirnberger's horse, lost the race and therefore the race.

He enjoyed good health and had not been seriously sick in 42 years. His remains were buried here Monday—Rev. Heimbacher, of Oran, conducting the services. Both funerals were very largely attended.

Believing her grandfather better, Miss Dora Dirnberger accompanied Mrs. Angus Schulte and daughter to St. Louis. Not knowing her address her parents could not notify her of the death of Mr. Dirnberger.

At Christmas dinner Ed. Hahn signed as he said to his mother, "Well, mamma, leap year is about over and it is certainly a great relief to me," when his father, who had been reading about the advance in the price of corn, put in, "Yes, Ed., but will there ever be any relief for our old horse, Doc, on Sunday evenings?"

Dick Walter, Albert Messner and sister, Miss Alvina, of Kelso, Clementine Hahn and Emelia Scherer, of Schererville, Clara and Eda Bollinger, of Benton, spent Sunday evening with Otto and Miss Ollie Diebold.

While Joe L. Scherer and family, of Sandywoods, were returning after a Christmas feast at Leo Grojean's, their surly was upset by making a short turn which broke a wheel. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt.

Louis Reichert bought the town property of the late Mrs. Heuring for \$500; John Dirnberger the farm south of town for \$1,700 and Phil Heuring the farm near Bleda for \$9,000.

There are some who find fault with the Kicker because it tells what is right and what is wrong. You never get to old to learn things that you do not yet know. Read the Kicker.

Fredoline Scherer and George Kronenball are cutting logs on Mrs. Glastetter's farm south of here for Sullenger & Lambert.

Miss Alma Compas, of Kelso, who has been staying with her uncle, Henry Compas, returned home Christmas.

Donat Scherer sold a mare to Wendoline Bucher for \$250. Donat wanted some Christmas money.

Otto Schoen, of Edna, and Charley, of Fredericktown, spent Christmas with his brother-in-law, Joe L. Scherer, in Sandywoods.

Leo Grojean spent Sunday before Christmas with his brother-in-law, Joe L. Scherer, in Sandywoods.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hahn, of Fomfelt, visited the family of John Urbahn Monday.

Miss Cecelia Strack, of Jonesboro, Ark., is here visiting relatives.

Frank Grojean and wife, of DeRay spent Christmas here.

## FROM BLODGETT.

Thursday after-noon, room 2 of the public school rendered quite an interesting program under the auspices and management of the immediate teacher, Miss Lewis. A critical audience was assembled, which testified its approval of the several numbers rendered by hearty plaudits.

Under the direction of Marshal Kemp much good work is being done on the streets. The road-scraper is being run over Main Street and is putting the street in good shape so that it will be a pleasure to ride over it.

Miss Jessie Griffin, of Doniphan, who has been visiting her brother, Joseph Griffin, for the past two months, has returned home.

O. F. Goodin and son, Charles, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bell Wednesday of last week.

Miss Maggie Payton, of Commerce, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Thebe Cunningham, last week.

Misses Audrey Moxley and Louise Morris departed Friday for the former's home at East Prairie.

Hempstead Walker, of Cape Girardeau, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hale last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hay, of Morehouse, visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanders Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gentry, of Charleston, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lepley last week.

Dr. F. L. Ogilvie spent Christmas with home-folks at Charleston.

Mrs. J. E. Adams, of Morley, visited relatives here last week.

Arthur Murchison and bride returned from Kentucky Sunday.

Mrs. James Chawning and family spent Christmas in Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens, of Chaffee, visited here last week.

C. C. Halstead and son, Ward, were in Sikeston last week.

Miss Eva Crafton, of St. Louis, is visiting relatives here.

Dr. and Mrs. Sparks, of South Fork, are visiting here.

## FROM SAVANNAH.

Mrs. E. Spencer, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is recovering.

Rev. Dennis of Blodgett preached at Moore's Chapel Sunday, the 20th.

John Gage and Miss Earl Pickett, visited at Sikeston on the 20th.

Henry Shaver and Frank Mackley spent Christmas in Bono, Ark.

Jeff Huey and family have returned from Arkansas on a visit.

Miss A. Marberry spent Christmas with home-folks in Illinois.

Mrs. Elden's infant child died Tuesday, the 22th.

Joe Burton's dwelling house is about completed.

Jonah Starke has returned from Kentucky.

R. D. Pickett has returned from Texas.

## FROM OAK GROVE.

Oak Grove local elected J. Brown president; Joe Bell, v. p.; N. G. Hopper, sec. treas.; Jake Gentry, conductor; Noah Hampton, chaplain; Jake Gentry, door keeper. We have 67 members in good standing. Is there another local in the county to beat us?

Rudy Felty spent Xmas with his mother in Kentucky and Miss Callie Collins met Santa at her uncle's in Tenn. Miss Nellie Woods, our teacher, and brother, Ernest spent the holidays in Illinois.

Uncle Joe Ware is building a new barn and E. P. Huey has finished his. Sam Watts' new house near Porter's Switch is nearly finished.

## FROM MORLEY.

While out driving Sunday Willie Evans and Miss Lurie Bynum had a runaway. Their horse became unmanageable and ran into town but was stopped by Early Bynum. No one hurt.

While fixing to kill hogs Luther Gipson accidentally fell into the kettle of boiling water and was badly scalded.

Prof. Walton, principal of the Bloomfield school, is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Walton.

Mr. Kinder and family, of Cape Girardeau county, visited Tom Williams and family recently.

Miss Jessie Hughes, of Abilene, Tex., is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Howie.

Ed. Todd is building a house on the land which he bought from J. J. Hunter.

Mrs. Nettie Hinkle and daughter, Cora, are visiting relatives in Jackson.

A hunting party from St. Louis is making headquarters here.

Mrs. Yeakey is reported as being very sick.

## FROM VANDUSER.

Rev. Patterson filled the pulpit at this place in the Baptist Church Sunday and Monday night. Monday afternoon at the church meeting the ladies of the Home Mission Society presented Rev. Patterson with a nice quilt with their names embroidered on the block piece by them.

The teachers are having a vacation and there are children who are absolutely lost without school while those who do not attend regular seem to be perfectly at home out of school.

C. E. Brown and H. T. Mayes were elected on the 21st inst. to fill vacancies in the town board caused by the resignation of Charles Chaffee and the removal from town of Geo. Layton.

Levi Jones and family, of McMillin, visited his brother, M. A. Jones, recently and Misses Carrie Jones and Essie Potter accompanied them home for a few days' visit.

Vanduser is getting all those things which accompany a saloon—a pool room, a bowling alley and a skating rink.

The ladies of the Methodist Church sent Rev. Wm. Holland a box of fruit and edibles for a Christmas present.

The marksmen of our community enjoyed the shooting match on Christmas day. M. A. Jones got two fine turkeys.

Mrs. Robt. Spann's father, Mr. Blaise, of Boston Mountain, came in unexpectedly to see them Christmas eve.

Owing to the extraordinary good weather for the time of year the Christmas entertainment was well attended.

Misses Mae Byrnes and sister, Addie, visited friends at Cape Girardeau and Morley Tuesday.

Ben Staley and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Staley's parents at Cape Girardeau.

The ball given by Grover Wilson and the Lancaster Brothers was well attended.

Misses Ethel and Ruth Smith visited M. C. Doon's family at Illinois recently.

Mrs. Robert Gross spent Christmas with her brothers at Bloomfield.

Mrs. Saffron Grojean, of Oran, visited her son, Lon, on Christmas.

The Baptist Sunday School had an apple treat Sunday morning.

W. M. Spann has been suffering with his back for some time.

Little Bonnie Potter is quite sick with malaria.

## FROM CROWDER.

The Gun Club, of Crowder, had a fine time at the turkey match on the 24th and 25th. Uncle Tom Boyett and N. M. Utley were the champion gunners.

The boys got too much booze Christmas and tried to play Carrie Nations in Rickett's office by trimming up the fixtures.

Mrs. Mollie Kimbell, of Dexter, is at the bedside of her cousin, Mrs. Mary Johnson, who has been dangerously ill.

Charley Mansell and Clarence Denbo left for Canaan on the 28th where they will hunt the rest of the winter.

## FROM COMMERCCE.

Miss Ruth Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Ross, died at Advance Thursday of last week. She was buried at Illinois in the Anceal graveyard Saturday.

The Sunday School here gave a Christmas tree and entertainment Christmas eve which was greatly enjoyed by all—especially the children.

George Shero and family and Harry DeWint, of St. Louis, spent Christmas with the family of C. F. DeWint.

Anna T. Anderson, who is attending the high school in Cairo Ill., spent Christmas with her parents.

Albion Anderson, student at the state university at Columbia, spent Christmas with home-folks.

Mrs. Geo. Palmer and daughter, of Cape Girardeau, were visitors here during the holidays.

Misses Belle Garvey and Linda Rochelle were Cape Girardeau visitors Monday.

Victor Pierce and Miss Lorena Wahl were married at Jackson Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Finley and son, of St. Louis, are spending